

**RIFA Environmental Monitoring Field Notes
Environmental Hazards Assessment Program
Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch
Department of Pesticide Regulation
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Trip Date: July 7, 1999

1) Met at UC Cooperative Extension, South Coast Research and Extension Center with the following attendees:

John Kabashima, UC Cooperative Extension
Craig Hanes, Mohammad Azhar, David Quimayousie, Basil Ibewiro, and Jim Lawrence,
CDFA-Pest Exclusion
Cesar Paredes and Russ Maly, CDFA-Pest Detection/Emergency Projects
Marilyn Chenault and Heather Davidson, CDFA-Office of Public Affairs
John Ellis, Orange County CAC office
Richard Iizuka and Dennis Vinopal, LA County CAC office
Cathy Neville, San Diego County
Mayra Cantrell, Matthew Abbott, and Bill Abel, USDA-APHIS
Manuel Gutierrez, DPR-ENF
Dave Kim, DPR-EM/PM

Purpose: Tri weekly CDFA and CAC RIFA project meeting.

Highlights:

- a) DPR gave highlights of June 24th meeting with UC Cooperative Extension, RWQCB, DPR and CAC staff
- b) USDA is planning to do nursery runoff monitoring; USDA will be working/coordinating with DPR on their Environmental Monitoring. They need to sample from 12 sites per year per NEMA.
- c) CDFA and CAC had concerns about soil suppliers selling premixed soil/bifenthrin for the small nurseries.
- d) CDFA will begin compliance monitoring of nursery shipments.
- e) CDFA found new RIFA infestations in Irvine Ranch developments.
- f) LA Co. started Distance® (pyriproxyfen) applications in Valleydale Elementary School in Azusa has infestation in playing fields, wants to use ATV to broadcast bait before school starts.
- g) Riverside Co. started treatments, must treat in evening because ant forage at night due to high daytime temperatures. In Coachella Valley 30 sections had RIFA colonies, 20 heavily infested.
- h) San Diego Co. treated 2 locations and will start inspecting nurseries.

2) Met at CDFA Palm Desert RIFA office with Gene Drake - CDFA/PDEP, Muhammad I. Azhar - CDFA/Exclusion and Les Greenberg - UCR.

Visited Sunrise Country Club, a heavily infested golf course/housing development. UCR wants to use for fipronil efficacy trials, and this is a potential dissipation study site for DPR.

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